

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 8, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The City Manager and Public Works staff met with Forest Service personnel to discuss potential projects within or adjacent to the Baker City Watershed. Staffers for both Senator Wyden and Congressman Walden were also in attendance. **The City's priority is to protect the Watershed from a catastrophic fire and we are looking at projects that will create a buffer zone to which a fire could be controlled before it gets into the Watershed.** This was a very positive meeting and we look forward to protecting our water supply.

The City Council will be considering an ordinance that clarifies the requirements for sidewalk cafés within the City. Many of our restaurants have expanded their sidewalk cafés and we want to encourage business while keeping the pedestrian right of ways intact.

City Council

Agenda

June 12th

- Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.610 (2)((i)) and (2)((a)) 6:15 pm
- Ordinance Prohibiting Feeding the Deer
- Justice Court Presentation
- No Parking Resolution for Baker City Cycling Classic
- Amending Ordinance 3030 and 1st Reading of Ordinance 3355 (Sidewalk Cafes)
- Council Vacancy Appointment

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Zone 1 was billed on the 5th and included 95 residential and 252 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 62 (18%) are signed up for direct payment and 9 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today and includes 465 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 127 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty-four customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and sixteen customers disconnected service from June 1st thru June 7th. This includes all service changes.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	9	4	21
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	11	10	13
Mechanical	1	0	2	2
Plumbing	4	6	5	6
Fence	4	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	26	21	42

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

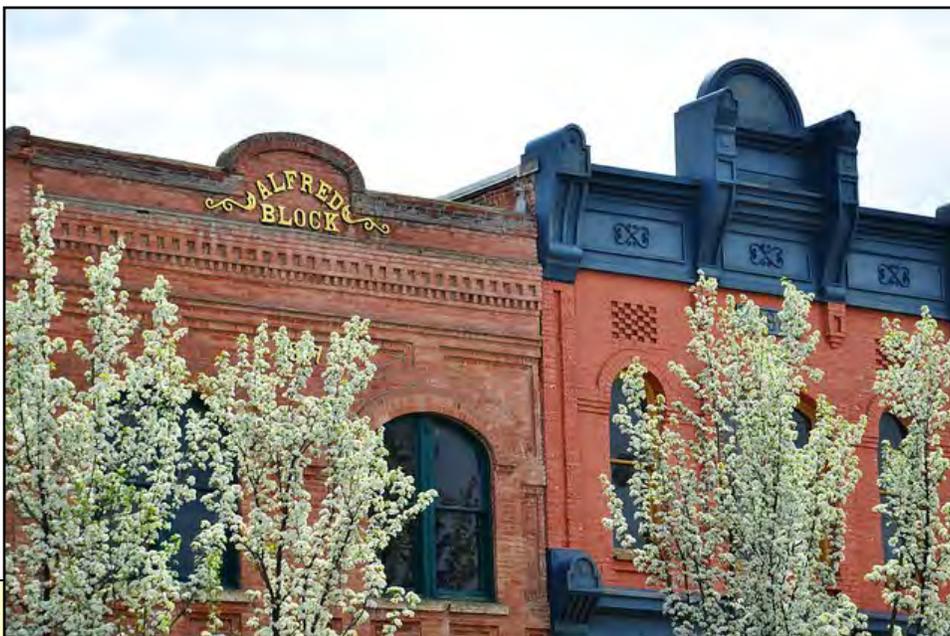
- 677 Columbia St., Sumpter—New dwelling.
- 855 NW Park St., Sumpter—New dwelling.
- 280 Jefferson St., Huntington—Detached accessory structure.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3370 10th St., Baker City—Interior remodel.
- 3665 17th St., Baker City—Fire sprinkler installation.
- 180 Mill St., Sumpter—Fire suppression installation.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Notice of grant opportunity for structures in the Historic District: Every two years, due to our City’s status as a “Certified Local Government”, we have the opportunity to award funds to property owners for repair/maintenance on historic properties. This is a matching grant opportunity with specific guidelines, and the application window is now open.



For more information, please visit the Baker City website, and go to the Historic District Design Review Committee page. You are also welcome to join us at any HDDRC meeting, or call the Building Dept. at 541-524-2054.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

On June 20, 2018, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider five applications:

- ◆ VAC-18-043: A petition filed by Baker County to vacate a ±10-foot-wide by ±375-foot-long portion of F Street immediately abutting property addressed as 3050 F Street, also identified as Tax Lot 700 of Map 09s40e17ba. The abutting property is located in the Industrial (I) Zone and owned by Baker County.
- ◆ Four applications have been filed by Brian & Corrine Vetger on behalf of Churchill Baker, LLC for **property located at 3451 Broadway Avenue. The property is also identified as Tax Lot 3101 of Assessor’s Map 09s40e17cc (Ref. 17934) and is located in the Medium-Density Residential (R-MD) Zone.**
 - HOP-18-049: A request for approval of a Home Occupation Permit to operate a personal art studio in an existing structure (Churchill School). The application also requests approval to create and lease ±13 art studio spaces in the same structure.
 - SDR-18-050: A request for Site Design Review approval for use of a portion of the existing structure (Churchill School) as two residential spaces.
 - UP-18-051: A request for a Conditional Use Permit to convert a portion of an existing structure (Churchill School) into a community event center, as well as permission to use a portion of the existing structure as a short-term vacation rental and a bike hostel.
 - VAR-18-052: **A request for a variance to the maximum number of guests that can stay at a “Bed and Breakfast” at any one time. The Baker City Development Code limits this number to eight (8). The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a maximum of twenty (20) guests for special events, which are anticipated to occur 2-3 times per year.**



Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±2,242 square foot home was approved at 2222 19th Street. The property is located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A partition to create two parcels at 1100 H Street was approved. The properties are located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±1,200 square foot storage shop at 425 Spring Garden Avenue was approved. The property is located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 29th through June 4th the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	18
Rural Calls	11
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **29**



Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

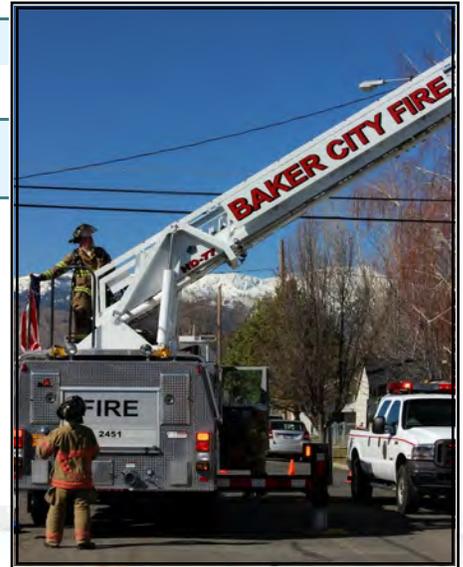
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES **5**



- Pocahontas Rd.: Vehicle Fire.
- Grove St.: Fence Fire.
- Golf Course: Odor Investigation.
- Bridge St.: Smoke Investigation.



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	4
Persons Arrived for Cover	5
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **103** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **6** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.

Don't miss the next check on June 12th.



"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In a very busy week, BCPD handled over **264** incidents and opened **55** new cases this past week which included numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. Other cases involved arrests of subjects on the following charges:

- ★ Forgery 1st Degree, Identity Theft, Attempt to Commit Crime, Criminal Conspiracy and Theft 3rd Degree following an investigation into an attempt to pass stolen checks.
- ★ DUII, with a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) level given by the subject of 0.16%, twice the legal limit.
- ★ Unlawful Possession Methamphetamine following contact with individuals occupying a motorhome. K9 Capa was deployed during this incident and was instrumental in locating the illegal narcotics. In an unrelated case, K9 Capa was also requested to assist OSP during a vehicle sniff.
- ★ Assault IV Domestic following a physical altercation between a married couple.

BCPD Evidence Room has published the latest list of unclaimed property. The list, in its entirety, can be found on the **Baker City Police Department's Facebook page**.

BCPD staff assisted during the South Baker Elementary Field Day by presenting important bicycle and Internet safety information to the students just in time for summer vacation.

BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Started 2 new cases
- Followed up on 2 pending cases
- Followed up on 10 grass and weed violations

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Orange tagged 7 abandoned vehicles
- Followed up on 5 parking violations
- Issued 1 parking citation

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Multiple cows at large returned to owner
- 1 dog at large returned to owner
- 4 dogs at large impounded
- Followed up on 3 animal complaints

Miscellaneous

- Followed up on a civil complaint
- Followed up on a Development Code Violation
- Followed up on a fence violation
- Followed up on a TUP violation
- Followed up on a marijuana violation
- 1 stolen bicycle report



Public Works: Parks and Recreation

The Parks Department would like to send out a big thank you to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member Gail Duman along with volunteers Cindy Schildnecht and Janet Kahn for taking time on a beautiful Thursday morning to plant flowers at the Geiser Pollman Park.



We would also like to extend our appreciation to **Marian O'Connell** and her crew at Eagle Cap Nursery for their generosity in donating the flowers for this project for the last 7 years!



The Central Park Celebration was held Thursday night. Community members gathered, listened to music and participated in rock painting. Unfortunately the celebration was cut short due to an intense storm system.

Thank you to everyone that came out to support and braved the storm. We hope to continue the celebration in the near future!





Public Works: Airport



Thank you to Troy and Genevieve Woydziak of Baker Aircraft at Baker City Municipal Airport for encouraging adventures in our beautiful town!

Public Works: Water Department

Relocating the water service for a residence on Second Street began last Friday. The project wasn't completed as planned. Unstable soil types would not hold their shape and collapsed around the missile and it's connecting hydraulic hose. The hose could not be retrieved.

The installation then proceeded in the conventional way by digging a trench to install the 1" water line.



← Tommy and Nate jack hammering and excavating directly above buried fiber optics lines.



Jake and Matt were able to complete the project Monday of this week. →



← Matt swept along the edge of the water line trench Wednesday just prior to the trench being patched with hot asphalt.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

Mountain Line Road Work:

Crews continued making excellent progress clearing trees and prepping the road this week for the next section of pipeline install. Over the past two weeks, over a mile of construction roadway has been completed across both USFS and privately-owned property. With the roadway work completed as of the end of this week, crews will resume transporting and installing the 20" ductile iron pipe on Monday.



1. Nate falling a tree that is within the work zone of the new pipe.
2. Brian and Nate work to limb a downed tree before cutting it into merchantable length logs.
3. Justin works behind the falling crew to clear logs and debris from the work area and prep the construction access road. He is using the rented trackhoe to transport a marketable log to a nearby log deck. The logs will remain the property of the individual property owners.

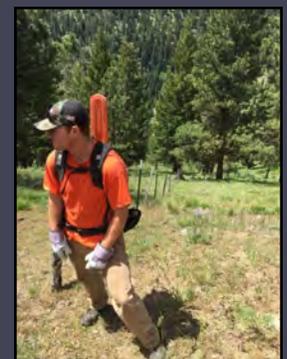


Watershed

Scott and Ryan performed fence repairs along the watershed boundary this week. Here, Ryan is backpacking a chainsaw which they used to cut trees that had fallen across the fence line since last fall.



Goodrich Reservoir remains full with some water traveling over and into the "Glory Hole".





Public Works: Wastewater Department-CIPP Project

The CIPP Project has been a major focus for Public Works Crews this week. This year's project included several locations where (because of the small diameter sized lines of 6") the contractor was not able to reinstate lateral connections by cutting out a hole from the inside of the new pipe (the conventional way). Instead Public Works had agreed to excavate down to the main lines and manually cut the new CIPP liner to provide flow from residences laterals. There were three locations on Hillcrest Circle and two locations near Estes and 5th Streets which needed the specialized lateral work.



As shown in this photo of Hillcrest Circle - P.E.C. and Public Works Crews worked in conjunction to complete the time sensitive work.

Jake and Ryan are cutting sod in a lawn up on Hillcrest Circle where two of the laterals connect to the 6" main line.



Here Brian has connected the old lateral into the new CIPP liner in the lawn area.

Justin and Brian work to reinstate the lateral connection into the new liner below the existing Hillcrest Circle road. After the work was completed the area was returned to its' original condition.

By relining this 6" Orangeburg Wastewater line on Hillcrest Circle it will provide at least 50 years of future service from a line which was on the brink of failure.

It would have been a very difficult and expensive line to replace as it is located under two houses and along a steep hillside.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

Blain, Karl and Jacob worked to provide access to a pipeline transition point where a 6" line connects directly onto a 12" line.

It was a difficult location to work in because of the conflicting utilities and narrow location between the curb and sidewalk. However, they were able to complete the project on schedule.



The last lateral to be reinstated onto a 6" main line was completed Tuesday just south of Estes Street.

An old abandoned 2" steel pipe line was encountered directly in the way of the new lateral connection. After verifying that it was NOT a Cascade Natural Gas line Jacob used a "demo saw" to cut the line out of the way.



It turned out to be an abandoned water line from 50+ years ago. It ran water for about 15 minutes then stopped.

Pictured left, Jacob is working to install the new connection onto the new CIPP line.



The Public Works Department worked in the City of Halfway by cleaning and video-inspecting lines.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

Public Works received a call Wednesday afternoon about a residence on Baker Street that was experiencing wastewater lateral problems. Rick had to abandon his work helping the asphalt patching crew on Estes Street to clean the wastewater main line.



The Baker Street line was found to be flowing unobstructed. After talking to the homeowner an emergency locate was requested through the 811 system and a repair cost estimate prepared. The repair work is scheduled for Friday morning.



In preparation for performing the lateral repair work on Baker Street Friday, Tommy hooked onto the Asphalt Zipper while he was in LaGrande early Thursday morning to load asphalt for Thursday's street patching work. The "Asphalt Zipper" belongs to Rogers Asphalt and is rented on an hourly basis at a very reasonable cost.

Public Works: Street Department

A truck driver carrying an oversized load hooked a wire on Birch Street Wednesday. The force broke a pole and caused problems for the power company. Here you can see O.T.E.C. crews working to remedy the situation.

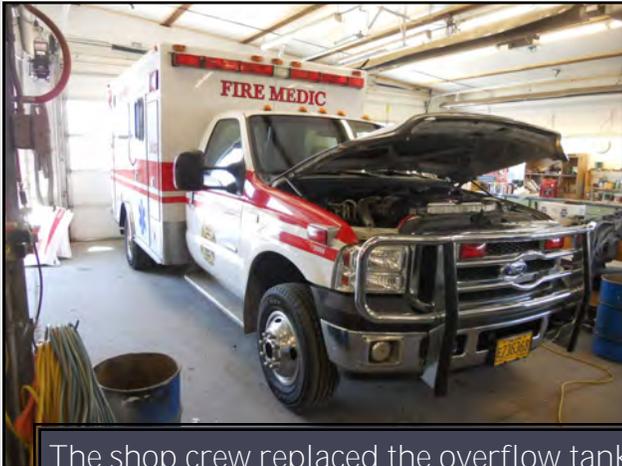


Crews patched streets both Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Jake and Craig worked together to spread hot asphalt in the Estes Street water line trench. Jacob worked to train one of Public Works Summer Temps (Cayn) on how to safely operate the vibratory roller. Blain operated the CAT Grader with Jake giving control signals for necessary depth. Karl and Ryan worked to shovel and rake the edges of the patch.



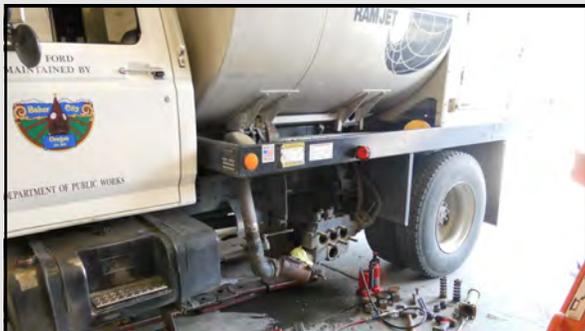


Public Works: Shop



The shop crew replaced the overflow tank and cap on an ambulance and it is now back in service.

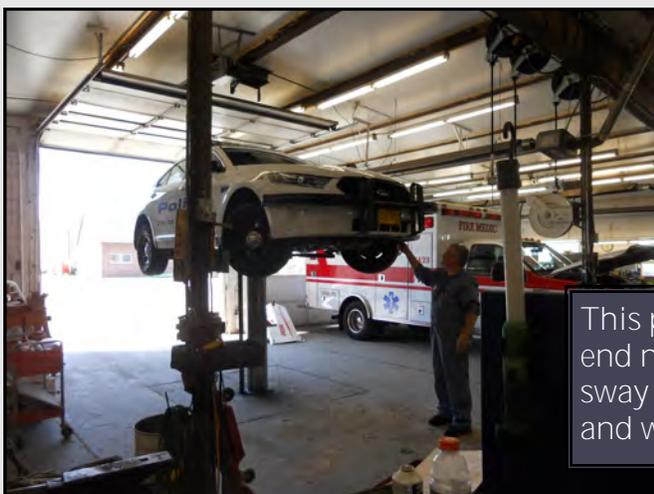
The crew rebuilt the 8,000 lb. shop hoist. The packing was leaking so it was due to be rebuilt.



The rotter pump quit working while it was in Halfway helping with their lines. While taking apart the pump, the crew found that the valves were stuck open so they had to order new parts. It should be back in service next week.



The crew changed the cabin filter after **the fan wasn't blowing hard enough** which solved the problem and got the vehicle back in service.



This police car was having problems with a front end noise. The shop crew found that it had both sway bars broken. The crew ordered new sway bars and will replace them next week.



Announcements:



Without A, B & O, we can't save anybody. You are the #MissingType we need.

**Blood Drive
Baker City Community**

Calvary Baptist Church
2107 3rd Street
Baker City, OR 97814

**Monday, June 11, 2018
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

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